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February 13, 1920

John W. Garrett, Esq.
C/o Robert Garrett & Sons
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:

I wish to thank you most sincerely for the kind hospitality shown me on my recent trip to Princeton. This I enjoyed very much, and I do not hesitate to say that I hope to view the collection again some time after my return from Europe.

I trust to see you up here before very long.

We have all the Journals that you want, and some of the Proceedings. These I am sending you by express to 3 Stockton Street, Princeton.

I beg to remain,

Very truly,

Curator.

Garrett.

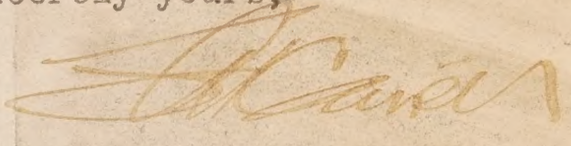
22 West 57th Street,
New York City,
February 25th, 1920.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am very much obliged to you for your letter of February 13th and for the trouble you have taken to get me the copies of the Journal and some of the proceedings that I need. I was at Princeton yesterday and they had not yet arrived there. If they have not been sent, I suggest that you hold them and I will call for them at the earliest possible opportunity. I am obliged to be out of town for three or four days but I may be able to come up to the Museum on Saturday next.

I greatly enjoyed your visit to Princeton and hope that you will come again.

Sincerely yours,



Howland Wood, Esquire,
Curator, The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, bet. 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York.

December 18th, 1920

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:

We were successful in getting most of the Indian Peace Medals which we wanted in Mr. Chapman's recent sale. We got the two we most desired, namely, The American Fur Company medal with the head of John Jacob Astor on it, and the large size Jefferson medal as well as several of the minor Colonial ones. These cost us $688.00 We would have gotten more if we had felt that we had more money to spend.

We would appreciate it very much if you could send us a cheque by the first of the year. I think Miss Reilly told me that you had said you would subscribe Fifty Dollars; I want to thank you most sincerely for this.

I understand that you are now much interested in Greek coins. As you may know, we have some very fine ones here, and Mr. Newell has one of the finest collections in the world. He would be very pleased to show you his pieces if at any time you would let us know when you could come up so that I could arrange a time which would also be convenient to Mr. Newell.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

JOHN WORK GARRETT
22 WEST 57TH STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.
TEL. CIRCLE 4427

December 22, 1920.

Howland Wood, Esq.,
The American Numismatic Society.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have just received your letter of December 18th which I had anticipated by my visit to you a day or two ago. I am enclosing my cheque for fifty dollars to help towards the purchases made by the Society in Philadelphia.

I was very much pleased at your kind suggestion that I might avail of the Society's resources by bringing my foreign coins, (Ilma) while I am working on them. I hope to be able to do that early in the new year.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

JWGarrett

January 5th, 1921

John W. Garrett, Esq.
22 West 57, New York

My dear Mr. Garrett:

Please accept my apologies for not acknowledging your donation of Fifty Dollars ($50.00) before this. I beg to thank you very much indeed for this cheque.

I have been hoping that you would get up here with the coins which you want to attribute; we can accommodate you in good shape, and trust that you will be up here soon.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

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BALTIMORE April 15, 1921.

Mr. Howland Woods,
American Numismatics Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Woods:-

I am very much obliged to you for sending me the English silver coins which I had left in the Society's care. They arrived this morning in good shape.

In order that the budget of the Society may not suffer, I am enclosing herewith stamps for the equivalent of the postage on the package.

Very sincerely yours,

John W. Garrett.

Twenty-eight cents in
stamps enclosed.

May 13th, 1921

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

I received from Mr. Wayte Raymond the other day the Indian Peace Medal as well as the Lord Baltimore medal which you so kindly turned over to me on loan, and of which we will take the best of care until you call for them.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

March 7th, 1922

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

I am enclosing a list of books, and I note that Lot 202 is Lane-Poole's Mohammedan Dynasties which you wanted.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E
Enc.

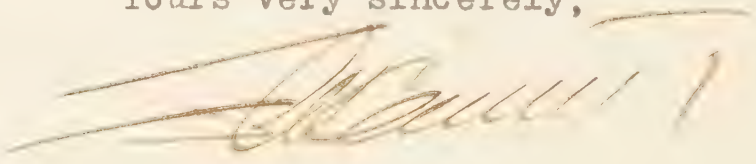
JOHN W. GARRETT
REDWOOD STREET, CORNER SOUTH
BALTIMORE

March 8, 1922.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Many thanks for your letter of March 7th and your reference to Lane-Poole's "Mohammedan Dynasties" which I have ordered.

Yours very sincerely,



Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th St.,
New York, N. Y.

JOHN W. GARRETT
REDWOOD STREET, CORNER SOUTH
BALTIMORE

March 14, 1922.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

My brother has recently given me a letter you wrote him on the 18th of October asking whether a gold dollar of 1858 in my collection was of the rare type with larger lettering on the obverse and reverse. I regret to say that the only 1858 gold dollar I have is of the common or ordinary variety.

I do not know when I shall be in New York again and I am wondering perhaps when you get through with your very kind identification of the Mohammadan coins I left with you. if you will be good enough to send them to me here in Baltimore.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway near 155th St.,
New York, N. Y.

March 16th, 1911

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Redwood Street, Corner South
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

I have been so busy with a number of rush things that I have not gotten around to identifying your Mohammedan coins, but I have them in plain sight as a reminder and will clean them up for you as soon as I can.

As near as I can make out, we have got about the only specimen of that gold dollar.

Very truly yours,

Curator

W/

May 18th, 1922

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

I am having Mr. Ruch pack up the coins which you left with us some time ago. I have now gone through them and put them into shape to the best of my ability. I am sorry to have been so long but have not been at all well the past six weeks, and find that I will have to take a two months' vacation beginning some time in June.

I am also sending you a number of gold and silver coins from that lot of which I spoke to you. These include everything but the Persian pieces which I have not quite finished. You are at liberty to pick out as many or as few of these as you wish. I am enclosing a rough list of the pieces.

Very truly yours,

Curator

WF:

4 [illegible] 2 - 6 L

56 " 30 - 90

52 " 31 - 20.

112 [illegible] - 63.70 Lbs

	GOLD	
3	[illegible]	$16.00
3	[illegible]	20.00
1	Mongol	14.00
1	Crusader	8.00
[illegible]	Dominica	14.00
[illegible]	Safee	7.50
[illegible]	Dharmaria	8.10
1	St. [illegible]	5.40
1	Sena Loolun	6.40
3	Tathimus	19.00
2	Tenlocks	8.00
1	Golden Horde	6.00
1	Kokand	6.00
8	Turkey	35.75
1	Moghul	24.00
31		186.25

	SILVER	
4	Ameer	27.60
10	Afghan	6.30
11	Bokhara	6.55
37	Persian	35.50
1	Dominia	.60
1	Shaephin	.75
1	Thaarania	.40
[illegible]	Ortunida	2.35
1	Jamil	.75
2	Yaquitian	[illegible]
7	Himyarian	[illegible]
4	Golden Horde	1.00
1	Armenia	.90
6	Jelalies	1.90
1	Kashgar	.80
3	Ayyubi	.95
74	Turkey	15.00
116		64.20

May 18th, 1922

		GOLD	
3	3	Amawee	$16.00
2	3	Abbasee	20.00
1	1	Mongol	12.00
1	1	Crusader	8.00
2	2	Saminids	13.00
1	1	Sajee	7.50
1	1	Ghaznavid	8.00
1	1	Gt.Seljuke	5.00
1	1	Beni Toolun	6.00
3	3	Fathimids	19.00
2	2	Memlooks	8.00
1	1	Golden Horde	5.00
	1	Kokand	6.00
18	8	Turkey	38.75
2	2	Moghuls	14.00
30	31		186.25

		SILVER		
3	4	Amawee	$2.60	.75
6	10	Abbasee	6.90	.60 .50 .50 .50 = 2.90
10	11	Seljukes	5.55	.50
25	37	Mongols	18.50	.60 .25 .25 .60 .25 .40 .50 .50 .40 } 4.25
1	1	Saminid	.80	.50
1	1	Buweyhid	.75	
1	1	Ghaznavid	.40	
2	2	Urtukids	1.35	
1	1	Jagati	.75	
2	2	Kayunlids	2.25	
7	7	Timurids	4.00	
4	4	Golden Horde	1.00	
1	1	Armenia	.50	
6	6	Jelairs	1.90	
1	1	Kashgar	.20	
3	3	Ayyubs	.75	
20	24	Turkey	16.00	.60 [illegible] 2. = 3.85
94	116		64.20	12.30

186.25
64.20
250.45
- 18.00 = returned
232.15 = Khazaj

6. = 1 M
12.30 = 22 R } returned
18.30

JOHN W. GARRETT
REDWOOD STREET, CORNER SOUTH
BALTIMORE

May 19, 1922.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, between 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I am deeply indebted to you for the trouble you have taken in regard to the coins which I left with you some time ago, and especially appreciative of it in view of the fact, which I am very sorry to learn, that you were under the weather. I hope your vacation will put you back again in perfectly good shape.

I am very much interested in the list of coins you sent me and I look forward with the greatest pleasure to seeing them, and I shall probably keep a good many of them. I should be much obliged if you would have them, as well as my own coins, sent to me at the above address and let me know what expense you have been put to in the matter.

Very truly yours,

JWG/S

JOHN W. GARRETT
REDWOOD STREET, CORNER SOUTH
BALTIMORE

June 6, 1922.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, between 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I have now been able to go over the coins you were good enough to send me and have decided to take nearly all of them. I am returning one gold and twenty-two silver pieces, and enclose my check to your order for the remainder. I am greatly obliged to you for giving me this opportunity to add some very desirable pieces to my collection.

I want to thank you once more for your kindness and the trouble you have given yourself in going over the coins from my collection that I left at the Numismatic Society some time ago.

With best wishes for your vacation,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

JWG/S

P.S. I should like to know the [illegible] of the Russian coin for which there was no room. JWG

June 7th, 192[illegible]

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Redwood Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

In Mr. Cook's absence, I take pleasure in replying to your letter of June 6th addressed to him, enclosing your check for $[illegible] to cover cost of the gold and silver coins forwarded to you for selection. Thank you very much for this, and I am glad that you found so many desirable pieces to add to your collection.

The owner of the collection of coins is, General F. Stansbury, who resides at Baltimore.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

MC/E

JOHN W. GARRETT
GARRETT BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MD.

December 15, 1922.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I enclose my check to the order of the Society for the Mohammedan coins which I bought the other day.

I want to thank you once more for the help you have been to me in regard to them and other matters. After you have had time to "dope" out the few pieces I left with you, would you mind sending them to me here.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

JWG/S

December 16th, 1922.

John W. Garrett, Esq.,
Garrett Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:-

Many thanks for your cheque, and I trust that you will find plenty to do on coins until I see you again. I forget to ask you whether you wanted the British Museum Catalogue on Persian Coins. We have a duplicate here for sale.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am,

Yours very truly,

Curator.

Garrett.

Persian Coins 1.50

Byzantine Coins 2.50.

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emergency tokens and paper cur-

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Our staff would be glad to
time.

s are but five dollars. May
on on the enclosed card?

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

JOHN W. GARRETT
REDWOOD STREET, CORNER SOUTH
BALTIMORE

December 21, 1922.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I think I should like to have the British Museum catalog on Persian coins which you mention in your letter of December 16th if it does not cost very much.

I have been going over the Mohammedan coins and find there are lots of "holes" in my collection, which I hope you may be able perhaps to help me fill up.

In regard to the card which I return herewith, I might add that my collection, or rather the collection made by my father and to which my brother and I have added, consists of a pretty complete series of our Colonial and Continental coins, including a number of great rarity; a very complete series of American Mint issues; nearly 400 Patterns of the Philadelphia Mint; a good series of Hard-time Tokens; "Confederate" pieces; and hundreds of medals, including some of the rare Presidential ones. I am not adding to the above series at present. Something over one-half of the California and other private issues are also represented in the collection, [redacted] of the pieces there being unique so far as I know.

I have not yet begun really to specialize, although I think I am tending that way. Aside from the Greek series which interests me at present, most of all, I have been, as you know, interested in the Mohammedan coins and in European issues before 1500. I have also a pretty good series of Byzantine gold and a number of Imperial Roman Aureii. There is also a number of Confederate, Broken-bank and Fractional notes, but I have not yet even checked them up.

If you want more details I shall be only too glad to give them to you. Again with best Compliments of the Season,

Sincerely yours,

JWG:S

December 26th, 1922

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Redwood Street, corner South
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

I am, herewith, returning the coins you left with me.

The imitation Venetian ducat and the French Feudal coin, I was unable to locate.

The British Museum Catalogue of Persian coins is listed at £1.5.0; you can have this for $5.00. We also have a two-volume catalogue of Byzantine coins of the B.M. This is listed at £2.5.0. As the cover of one of the volumes is water-stained and a little bruised, you can have the two books for Ten Dollars.

Trusting to see you soon, and with best wishes for the Coming Year, I am

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E
Encs.

JOHN W. GARRETT
GARRETT BUILDING

January 2, 1923.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Thanks very much for the coins you returned and for your identification of them as far as possible. I should like to have the British Museum catalog of Persian coins, but I have the B.M. catalog of Byzantine coins already.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely yours,

JWG/S

January 5th, 1923

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

I have had sent to you today the copy of the British Museum Catalogue of Persian coins, as you requested, and trust same will reach you with no delay.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW.E

JOHN W. GARRETT
REDWOOD STREET, CORNER SOUTH
BALTIMORE

January 9, 1923.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Please forgive me if I seem to bombard you with letters, but I lean upon you for advice.

I am sending you today three coins. One of them I have just received from Schulman, who classes it as a Guadeloupe piece. You will see that it has a number of countermarks on it and I am sure you will be able to tell me what they all mean. I shall be very grateful if you will. The other two pieces are Chinese Sycee and have also been sent me by Schulman. I wonder if Riley could compare these with the pieces Schulman recently sent him. As I remember the latter these do not seem to be as good. Riley was going to let me know if he did not want any of the ones Schulman had sent him, so that I might pick out one or two of them for my own collection. Schulman asks 25 and 15 florins for the two pieces he has sent me. I should like to know how they compare with the other lot if it is not asking too much of Riley and yourself.

Sincerely yours,

JWG/S

January 17th, 1923

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Redwood Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

Please pardon the delay in replying to your letter of January 9th, but for the past few days I have been absolutely swamped with our Annual Meeting.

Your gold coin is a nice piece; and if you can get it at all reasonably, I would advise you to take it, because these are fast disappearing and are now becoming exceedingly rare. Unfortunately, I cannot assign it to any one locality. I should say that it was used on one of the French, rather than on one of the English, islands, as the English system of weights was different, and nearly all of the pieces used on their island had gold plugs inserted to bring up the weight to their standard. This piece was probably used at Guadaloupe although I have no means of identifying it.

From my study of these pieces, I have come to the conclusion that many of the marks impressed upon them, are the private marks or initials of the people appointed by the island Governments to examine and test the gold coins in use on those islands.

This identical piece is Lot 2211 in the Dr. Jules Meili Collection, sold by Schulman, May 23rd, 1910. In the description of this lot, he puts: G.L. for Guadeloupe; B. for Bermuda; M. for Martinique, and L. for Les Saintes, but personally I do not consider these marks as locality marks, but endorsement marks.

The two Chinese pieces are as good as similar pieces sent to Reilly, though the inscriptions are a little different. Of the larger size, there were several weighing about the same and looking like this which varied from 15 to 22 florins. Of the smaller piece, a similar one was billed at 15 florins. Reilly says that he is going to keep but very few, and that you can pick out as many as you want from the lot sent to him.

Very truly yours,

HW/E

Acting Secretary & Curator

January 25, 1923.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Thanks very much for your letter of the 17th and for the trouble you have taken about my request regarding certain coins that I have now received back from you.

Very sincerely yours,

JWG/S

P.S. Thanks very much for the book catalog from Paul Geuthner which you were good enough to send me.

February 6th, 1923

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

We received the enclosed letter from J. Rives Childs, and it occurs to me that you may be interested to follow it up. If not, would you be so good as to return the letter to us at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Curator

M./E
Enc.

JOHN W. GARRETT
REDWOOD STREET, CORNER SOUTH
BALTIMORE

February 9, 1923.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I am much obliged to you for sending me Mr. J. Rives Childs' letter which I return herewith as you request. Whether I should be interested or not is difficult for me to say. The buying of a whole collection does not appeal to me very much because it takes away the fun of collecting and I am particularly not interested in German coins. If there were a good series of French or Italian Mediaeval coins I might be interested, but I would, of course, have to know all the necessary details including the price asked, and I would have to figure on that quite carefully before I could make up my mind. I might find it possible to go in for certain parts of such a collection together with the Society or other interested purchasers.

Very truly yours,

JWG/S

Encl.

February 13th, 1923

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

I think the Museum would not attempt to negotiate for the collection of Mediaeval European coins, and I am sending Mr. Childs' letter to another collector.

I am enclosing a gold Dinar which I showed you some time ago. This you can have for Five Dollars. If I find out more about it, I will let you know.

Trusting to see you soon, I am

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

March 28th, 1923

John W. Garrett, Esq,
Redwood Street, corner South
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

I am enclosing a copy of a catalogue of Renaissance medals which I think may interest you.

Mr. A. F. Davies writes us that he has received instructions to dispose of this collection. He states that an expert has recently examined the medals and discovered but 12 doubtful pieces. He also states that 85 per cent are absolutely authentic. They are held at Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000). The collection can be seen at 60 Avenue du Bois de Boulogne, Paris, by appointment with Mr. H. Lowenfeld.

The address of Mr. A. F. Davies is: 134, Sinclair Road, West Kensington, London, W.

Very truly yours,

Acting Secretary & Curator

HW/E
Enc.

JOHN W. GARRETT
GARRETT BUILDING
[illegible]

April 4, 1923.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I am very much obliged to you for sending me the interesting catalog of Rennaissance medals, but I do not find it possible to even consider their purchase at this time. I expect to be in New York within the next few days and hope to be able to see you at the Society.

Very truly yours,

JWG/S

JOHN W. GARRETT
GARRETT BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MD.

Seal Harbor, Maine,
August 7, 1923.

Howland Wood, Esq.,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Would it be against the Society's rules to let me have the use for a few weeks up here of Theodore Reinach's "Histoire par les Monais".

If it is against the rules never mind. I hope you will have a good summer.

Sincerely yours,

August 9th, 1923

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Seal Harbor, Maine

Dear Mr. Garrett:

Your letter just at hand, and I have this day forwarded to you Reinach's Histoire, parcel post, insured. There is no hurry about returning it.

I had hoped to see you before you left for the summer. I trust that you will be able to pay us a visit on your way back.

For some months I have been holding $2.50 on my desk, hoping to give it you the next time you called here. It is for an overcharge on those copper Parthian coins and I am now enclosing cheque for same.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

JOHN W. GARRETT
GARRETT BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MD.

Seal Harbor, Maine,
August 31, 1923.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am returning Reinach's Histoire with very many thanks for your courtesy in letting me have it. I think it is one of the few delightfully written books on coins that I have yet come across. I wonder whether other men have not written more or less with the same intention about other series; for instance, the Roman Republic or the Italian Renaissance. If there are such things I should greatly appreciate it if you could put me in the way of getting in touch with them. I hope to be in New York early in October and shall come up to see you.

Thanks very much for the check for $2.50.

Very truly yours,

JWG:MM

February 13th, 1924

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

Have you the one-franc French piece struck at Castelsurrasin in 1914? We have just gotten a duplicate. This is really a rare coin as but few are struck; and most of them were melted up during the War. If you would care to have this specimen, you can have it at Four Dollars - the price asked for it in France. It is the same type as the regular issue but with a C on the reverse.

I also have a memorandum that you owe $0.50, due to my inability to change a Twenty Dollar bill.

I trust that you are well and that your knee is improving. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Very truly yours,

Curator

JOHN W. GARRETT
GARRETT BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MD.

February 19, 1924.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I am glad to get your letter but very sorry to find that I had forgotten to turn over the $8.50 that I owe. I enclose my check for it herewith together with $1.00 for which I shall be very glad to have the Castelsarrasin franc.

I am still laid up and shall be so for some time, but I am getting along nicely.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

JWG/S

February 21st, 1924

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

I am enclosing herewith the French franc piece, and am glad that you wanted it for it is a historic coin. The records show that 43221 were struck during the few weeks that the French Government was away from Paris; of the two-franc pieces, 461,649 were struck.

I am hoping to get in touch with someone in China who can dig up some Turkestan coins at reasonable prices.

Trusting that you may soon regain your good health, I am,

Very truly yours,

Curator

March 11th, 1924

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

Moritz Wormser and I are going to make a trip to Washington and we thought we would stop off at Baltimore on the way down. Could we pay you a flying visit on the morning of Monday, March 24th? Mr. Newcomer is going to see us on the Sunday evening, and we are scheduled for Washington on Monday afternoon. If we may call upon you, I should appreciate it if you would kindly let me know if the time suggested would be convenient for you.

Very truly yours,

Curator

JOHN W. GARRETT
GARRETT BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MD.

March 13, 1924.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I should be delighted to see you and Mr. Wormser during your visit to Baltimore on Monday, the 24th. I am still in bed and my mornings until eleven o'clock are taken up with a treatment that I am undergoing, but if you and Mr. Wormser could come out here after eleven I should be only too glad to see you and I could see you any time that afternoon.

Most of my coins are at my office in town. If you will let me know what you and Mr. Wormser would particularly like to see I should be glad to have them brought out here. I have my Greek coins here, including those that I have recently gotten at the Bement sale. But otherwise I have only the ones that I am cataloguing at the moment. It would be a great pleasure to see you and Mr. Wormser and if it would suit your convenience Mrs. Garrett and I would like to have you stop for luncheon.

Would you kindly tell Mr. Noe that the books arrived and I am very grateful to him for sending them to me and shall return them in a few days when I have used them.

Very truly yours,

JWG/S

March 18th, 1924

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

Mr. Wormser and I will be very happy to call upon you on Monday after eleven o'clock. I believe your address is Evergreen, Charles Street Avenue. It will give us great pleasure to accept your invitation to luncheon.

With regard to the coins, we should be glad to have you show us any that interest you - certainly some of the more recent purchases. Mr. Wormser is very interested in the German series. As a matter of fact, I am most looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you.

I am very sorry that your illness has been so prolonged and trust that you will very soon now regain your good health.

Very truly yours,

Curator

March 29th, 1924

Dear Mr. Garrett:

I want to tell you of the pleasure I had in seeing you in your lair, and would ask you to convey my best regards to Mrs. Garrett.

I had a busy and pleasant time in Washington, and learned a number of interesting things.

Enclosed, is the little coin you wished me to look up. It belongs to the island of Cos, and most of the words on it are magistrates' names.

With every good wish for your return to the best of health, I am,

Very truly yours,

John W. Garrett, Esq.

JOHN W. GARRETT
GARRETT BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MD.

April 2, 1924.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 154th ST.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Thanks very much for sending back the coin of Cos that you were good enough to identify for me. I greatly enjoyed your visit and hope you will be coming this way some time again.

Very truly yours,

P.S. I have a letter recently from Edgar J.Banks, of Eustis, Florida, who tells me he has in his possession a find of 258 Arabic silver coins recently dug up on the Tigris just below Bagdad. He wishes to sell them at $3.00 a piece. I have written him that I am not interested but suggested that perhaps if the find is complete it might be of interest to have it looked over at the Numismatic Society

April 4th, 1924

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

Replying to your favour of April 2nd, I think years ago I bought a number of coins from Edgar J. Banks. He was then in New Hampshire. I will ask him to send on the Arabic coins although the price is about six times what they generally sell for.

Many thanks for Beyer's Catalogue. I will look it over.

Would you like one of those Greenland dollars? I have one here that you can have for $150.00. Schulman offered $125.00 for it.

Very truly yours,

Curator

April 22nd, 1924

John Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

Have you one of those Menelik 10-talari gold coins? I know that one was offered to you, but I do not remember whether or not you took it. In the event that you have it, may I borrow it to photograph some time?

Very truly yours,

Curator

JOHN W. GARRETT
GARRETT BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MD.

April 25, 1924.

Dear Mr. Woods, ~~[illegible]~~

I have one of the Minelik ten talari gold coins dated 1894 and should be only too glad to have you borrow it for the purpose of photographing it. I think I don't want the Greenland piece at this time but I am much obliged to you for letting me know about it and I must apologize for taking so long to answer your kind letter.

I am able to sit up for a while now but I did not realize how week I was until I got out of bed.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Howland Woods, Esq.,
Broadway & 156th St.,
New York, N. Y.

April 29th, 1924

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

Some time when it is absolutely convenient I should appreciate it very much if you would kindly send on the Menelik gold coin, as I would like to photograph it and study it carefully.

I am glad to know that you are now able to sit up, and I trust we shall soon hear of your walking again.

Very truly yours,

Curator

JOHN W. GARRETT
REDWOOD STREET, CORNER SOUTH
BALTIMORE

May 2nd, 1924.

Dear Mr. Wood;

I shall be glad to send you the menelic coin but I cannot do it right away as I am not yet able to get away from the house and it may be several weeks before I can get down town to my office. I shall see if my brother can find it and in that case I can send it to you sooner but if he cannot find it, I shall have to wait until I can go there myself.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. Garrett

Howland Wood, Esq.,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York, N. Y.

May 6th, 1924

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

I have your letter of May 4nd, for which I thank you.

I am absolutely in no hurry for the Menelik coin. My chief desire was to locate such a piece so that I could study it some time when I get to that stage of an article that I am writing; therefore, please do not trouble to put yourself out in the least to find it now.

Appreciating your kindness , and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Curator

JOHN W. GARRETT
REDWOOD STREET, CORNER SOUTH
BALTIMORE

May 20, 1924.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Today I am down at my office for the first time and I take this first chance of sending you the Abysinnian coin. I am also sending four pieces that I have just received on approval and it would help me a lot if you could tell me what they purport to be. They are described as follows:

"Dobla almohade Granada.	$15.
Cuarta dobla id id	6.
Maravedi, Almoravides	10.
id id	10.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Howland Wood, Esq.,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York, N. Y.

May 21st, 1924

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

Many thanks for the Abyssinian coin card, with your permission, I should like to keep it for a short time.

I am, herewith, returning the other pieces, having attributed them as best I could.

The best news I have had in some time is to learn that you are out of bed, and I trust that you will now stay out of bed except at night time.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Curator

Encs.

JOHN W. GARRETT
REDWOOD STREET, CORNER SOUTH
BALTIMORE

May 26, 1924.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Many thanks for your attributions of the pieces I sent you the other day. I have not made up my mind yet whether I shall take them or not.

Keep the Abysinnian coin as long as you like. I shall be leaving here about the middle of June and am sailing on the 2nd of July so if you send it back to me, please do so before the first date so that I may be able to put it away in my safe.

Howland Wood, Esq.,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York, N. Y.

May 28th, 1924

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

The enclosed list was sent over by Mr. John Allan of the British Museum. I would suggest your writing to him direct, if there is anything in the list you desire. I can look after matters for you, but as I am only in the office once a week throughout the summer, you might prefer to attend to it personally.

I will try to return the Abyssinian coin to you before you sail. If not, I will keep it safely until you return.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Curator

JOHN W. GARRETT
REDWOOD STREET, CORNER SOUTH
BALTIMORE

June 2, 1924.

Dear Mr. Wood:

The list of coins you sent me in your letter of May 28th are exceedingly interesting but I don't see how I can choose those I most like to have without knowing their condition. Perhaps if I am in London this summer, I can call upon Mr. Allan at the British Museum.

I expect to go to New York about June 20th and be there for the ten days before sailing on July 2nd and shall keep your home address and try and call you up.

Sincerely yours,

Howland Wood, Esq.,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York, N. Y.

June 4th, 1924

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

I am returning, herewith, the Menelik gold coin. Again I want to thank you very much for the loan of it.

I trust that we shall see you before you sail. You certainly should call on Mr. Allan and Mr. Hill at the British Museum, if you can find an opportunity.

With all good wishes for a pleasant trip, I am,

Very truly yours,

Curator

June 25th, 1924

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

We have just purchased from the British Museum the gold coin, of which I am enclosing a rubbing. It was struck at Lhasa in 1911, and we paid £ 3.10.0 for it. Mr. Allan, of the British Museum, writes that if a certain collector does not take a duplicate which he has, he would like to dispose of it elsewhere. Therefore, if you wish to buy it - and I think it a good thing - drop a line to Mr. John Allan, Dept. of Coins & Medals, British Museum, stating your wishes.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Encs.

February 21st, 1925

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

As per your telephone instructions to the Society, I have sent you by registered mail the Roman gold medallion. I have not seen Mrs. Brett to notify her but she requested me to have it forwarded upon receiving word from you.

Very truly yours,

Curator

JOHN W. GARRETT
GARRETT BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MD.

February 25, 1925.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Thank you very much for returning the Roman gold medallion. I shall be very much interested in the publication of these medallions by Mrs. Brett.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

JWG/S

JOHN W. GARRETT
GARRETT BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MD.

November 27, 1925.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

You asked me the other day about a couple of securities listed on the Baltimore Stock Exchange, and I have had a couple of memorandums prepared which I enclose hoping they may be of interest to you. The Eastern Rolling Mills Company has an excellent reputation in every way and you will see by this statement that they are making fine earnings. I cannot be sure about the second company, but as nearly as I can remember the name of it was the PennsylvaniaHydro-Electric Company. This is not listed in Baltimore and we do not know much about it. If this is not the company referred to and you will let me know the name of the one you are interested in, I will see what I can find out about it.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

JWG/S

November 28th, 1925

John W. Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

Very many thanks for the information with regard to the Western Holding Wills. I certainly did not mean you to go to any trouble about the matter.

The other stock was the Pennsylvania Water & Power Company.

I trust we may see you again before very long.

Very truly yours,

Curator

January 13th, 1926

John W, Garrett, Esq.
Garrett Building
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

I was down at Wayte Raymond's the other, and picked out six coins, as follows:

½-groat of Edward, Canterbury Mint

Raymond Berenger, Count de Provence, gros.

Rome, Lothaire and Leo IV

Aquitaine, Edward the Black Prince

Spain, Pedro IV

Metz, Theodore V.

I wish to thank you for your remembrance in allowing me to choose these pieces, which we shall be very happy indeed to add to our Christmas-gift Cabinet.

Very truly yours,

Curator

JOHN W. GARRETT
GARRETT BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MD.

March 28, 1927.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N.Y.

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Dear Mr. Wood:-

I wonder if the Society has a copy for sale of the article published some years ago on Vermont cents. If so, will you send me one. I want it for a Vermont friend of mine who is interested in the matter.

West ~~East~~ - Schulmann showed me the other day two or three Indian pieces which I think he said he had also shown you. As I am always so afraid of counterfeits in this series I would like to know if you saw them and if they are all right. One is a half Joe stamped on the rim with three double S's; another was an Essequibo and Demerara stamped in an oval with "E" and "D" ; and another was a Spanish dollar with a curious star-like counterstamp near the edge. I should be much obliged if you could tell me what you think of these pieces.

"E&D"

Very truly yours,

JWG/S

March 31, 1927

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Garrett Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

I am having sent to you a copy of the "State Coinage of New England," which includes the Vermont coinage.

I do not know whether I saw this counter-stamped gold cointhat Schulman left with you. The pieces, however, are known to me and I do not think there is any doubt whatsoever that they are genuine, as I have never heard of these gold pieces being forged or faked. One with the three S's on, I think, is a piece that came from the West Indies a short while ago. The Spanish dollar with the star like counterstamp near the edge is one of two that was in the last Wilson sale end of which I have the other specimen. I have not yet worked out which Island it belongs to.

I trust this answers your questions and would be much obl ged to you if you would show yourself here before very long. You have been away entirely too long.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MP

JOHN W. GARRETT
GARRETT BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MD.

April 2, 1927.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Many thanks for your letter in regard to the West Indian pieces. I enclose my check for $3.00 in payment of the "State Coinage of New England" which you were good enough to send me. I have not been in New York this winter, nor do I expect to be able to go there within the next few weeks. I shall hope to have a chance of visiting all of you at the Society before I go abroad later in the year.

Sincerely yours,

JWG/S

11th December, 1928

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Garrett Building,
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Garrett:

The other day Mr. Newell handed me a box of your duplicates for us to pick out what we wanted for a Christmas gift. From these we have kept 16 of the ancient coins, one French denier, and 22 United States coins. I am returning the balance to you under separate cover.

I wish to thank you most sincerely for remembering us again this year, and beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

Curator

JOHN W. GARRETT
GARRETT BUILDING
BALTIMORE, MD.

February 13,1929.

Mr. E. T. Newell,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Newell:-

I am sending you by express today the medals of which I spoke to you the other day. They were damaged in the Baltimore Fire. If they are of no use to the Society dump them in the river. They were on the seventh floor of the Continental Building in what were then the temporary offices of Robert Garrett & Sons. The building was completely gutted and everything it is lost except the contents of vaults, most of which were saved.

Sincerely yours,

JWG/S

19th Feb., 1929

Mr. J. W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

Mr. Newell handed your letter to me, and the medals from the Baltimore Fire have come to hand. A few of these we can salvage and make use of. Thank you for sending these on.

Very truly yours,

Curator

December 22, 1931.

Mr. John W. Garrett
Redwood Street, Corner South
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Garrett:

Mr. Newell handed me your letter last night. I am very glad to hear from you, although indirectly. You certainly have about everything in Colonials. I am sending you a cast of the Good Samaritan Shilling, which I happen to have here. The coin is owned by the Hillyer Ryder Estate, which Wayte Raymond knows all about. The Massachusetts pattern cent for 1776, I gave to the Society and I am sending you a cast. The whereabouts of the other coins I do not know. Possibly the New England Stiver, the New England Elephant Token might be in the Appleton collection. I suppose you own the Higley token with the inscription "The Wheel Goes Round", which I discovered several years ago.

Concerning the New Jersey cents, some of these might be in the New Jersey Historical Society's collection, as they now own all of Canfield's New Jersey cents. Mr. Noe will answer the first part of your letter.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

EVERGREEN HOUSE
CHARLES STREET AVENUE
BALTIMORE, MD

December 31, 1931.

Howland Wood, Esq.,
Curator, American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 155th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

Thanks very much for sending me the plaster casts of the Good Samaritan Shilling and the Massachusetts pattern cent which I am very glad to have. I have "The Wheel Goes Round" piece which you discovered and which I bought some years ago. I shall try to get casts of the other pieces about which I wrote you.

My best wishes to the Society and you for the New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

JWG/S